Guide to the Meeker Manuscript Collection AI-4154

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Collection Summary

Dates                      1860-1900
Bulk dates                1810-1976
Level of description      Collection
Extent                    2.25 cubic feet
Creator(s)                Nathan Cook Meeker, Arvilla Delight Smith Meeker, Ralph Lovejoy Meeker, Josephine Meeker, Rozene Emily Meeker, et. al.

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical Note of Nathan Cook Meeker

Nathan Cook Meeker was born in Euclid, Ohio on July 12, 1817 to Enoch Meeker and Lurana (Hulbert) Meeker and was one of four brothers. He wrote and philosophized from an early age, regularly submitting articles to local publications.

At age 17, Meeker left home and traveled to New Orleans. He got a job as copy boy on the New Orleans Picayune. Not able to make a living, he returned to Ohio in the late 1830s. Meeker graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio. Longing to become a poet, he taught school in Cleveland and Philadelphia so that he could earn enough money to move to New York and realize that dream. Finally able to move, he rented a poet’s attic room in New York and became a regular contributor to N.P. Willis’ “Mirror”. Unable to make a living, he once again returned to Euclid and became a traveling salesman.

On his sales circuit he met Arvilla Delight Smith and was instantly taken with her. However, she was a devout Congregationalist and was concerned about marrying Meeker because of his lack
of faith and the fact that he was younger than her. So Meeker, to win her hand, was baptized a Disciple of Christ and fudged his date of birth on the marriage license to 1814.

They married in 1844 and in that same year, settled in the Ohio Trumbull Phalanx, a colony founded for the practical realization of the social theories of Francois Fourier, a man of great interest to Meeker. Nathan served as librarian, secretary, auditor, teacher, historian and poet laureate while Arvilla taught kindergarten. Ralph Lovejoy (1845) and George Columbus (1847) were both born there. Although the phalanx was a failure (sickness, laziness and debt being the chief reasons), dissolving in the fall of 1847, Meeker remained optimistic and was one of the few who left in the black.

Throughout his early life, Meeker wrote extensively for the Cleveland Plaindealer and other papers, usually on sociology, and many were reprinted in the New York Tribune by Horace Greeley.

After leaving the Phalanx, Meeker opened a small store in Cleveland with his brothers in 1847, until its failure three years later. Rozene was born in 1849 in Munson, Ohio. In 1852, he moved to Hiram, Ohio where he opened another store. He was invited by the Disciples of Christ to help found a college, the Western Reserve Institute. His application was held up because of the claim he had been selling whiskey. This was true, but only by prescription. Furious, he left the church and never joined another. Mary (1854) and Josephine (1857) were both born in Hiram.

In 1857, the Great Panic took most of his property and his store in Hiram, so he fled his debts again and went to Dongola, Illinois, opening a small store and raising fruit.

In 1856, Horace Greeley had helped Meeker get his first novel, The Adventures of Captain Armstrong, published and following that used many of Meeker’s articles in the New York Tribune. During the Civil War, Greeley found that he needed a war correspondent at his Cairo, Illinois office. He offered the job to Meeker. He was the only reporter present at the battle of Fort Donelson. After his success in this, at close of the war, 1865, he became agricultural editor of the New York Tribune. The family moved to New York and prospered. His graceful literary style and knowledge of farming made him a popular rural columnist.

In 1866, Meeker’s novel, Life in the West or Stories of the Mississippi Valley was published.

Biographical Note of Ralph Lovejoy Meeker

Ralph Lovejoy Meeker was born January 26, 1845 at the Trumbull Phalanx Colony in Warren Ohio. Following a life of adventure and accomplishment, he died, of lobar pneumonia, at the age of 76 on December 5, 1921 in Greeley Colorado, and is buried in the family plot at Linn Grove Cemetery, Greeley.

Ralph was the first child of Nathan C. Meeker and Arvilla Delight Smith. As a child Ralph moved with his family as his father pursued various opportunities. By the beginning of the 1860s the family was living in Cairo, Illinois, a small but growing port city at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers where Nathan Meeker ran a General Store. When the elder Meeker
left to serve as a Civil War correspondent for the *New York Tribune*, Ralph took over running of the store.

Following the war, Ralph helped his father with the founding of the Union Colony of Colorado in the late 1869, serving as the colony’s first secretary. A young man at the time, Ralph later remarked in an interview with the Greeley Tribune: “The chill that I received from sleeping in the first one-room shack built here remained in my bones for many years.”

Eventually Ralph entered the field of journalism where he crafted a 40 year career as both correspondent and, briefly, editor. His main association was with the *New York Herald*. One of Meeker’s first major assignments, in 1875, involved travelling 2000 miles on the Missouri River investigating Indian Agency fraud during the administration of President Grant. His extensive reporting exposed graft within agency operations. The grafters were stealing supplies meant to satisfy treaty terms with the Sioux, reselling those supplies back to the federal government, and using part of the profits to grease the wheels through political donations.

With success as a reporter, Meeker was sent to Washington D.C. where he served as the *Herald*’s Capital correspondent from 1875-1877. From Washington he was assigned as a war correspondent during the Turko-Russian War of 1877. Upon returning from Europe in 1879 news of his father’s death at the White River Agency, in western Colorado, and the capture of his mother and sister by Ute Indians reached him. He made his way to Ouray, Colorado where he welcomed the captives following their 27 days of travel with the Utes.

In 1883, Meeker returned to Greeley and purchased the Greeley Tribune which he edited for two years before returning to the *New York Herald*. Upon returning to New York Ralph married Maria del Carmen Dolores Circovich on October 15, 1885. Carmen died in 1904 and Ralph married a second time to Louise Hopkins Taylor in 1906. Retiring from the *Herald* in 1916, Ralph returned to Greeley where he was working on a history of the city at the time of his death in 1921.

**Biographical Note of Arvilla Delight Smith Meeker**

Arvilla Delight Smith Meeker was born on March 5, 1815 in Cheshire, Connecticut to Levi Smith and Louise (Lovisa) Atwater Smith. She was the fourth daughter of nine children. At the age of three, her family moved from Connecticut to Ohio.

In the late 1830s Arvilla was teaching school and taking classes at Claridon Academy. During this time she met Nathan Meeker who was instantly taken by her and on April 8, 1844 they were married. At the time Arvilla was a devout Congregationalist and only married Meeker after he was baptized by a Congregationalist church. Together Arvilla and Nathan had five children: Ralph Lovejoy (January 26, 1846), George Columbus (August 5, 1847), Rozene Emily (July 5, 1849), Mary (June 17, 1854), and Josephine (January 28, 1857). While living at the Ohio Trumbull Phalanx, where Ralph and George were born, Arvilla taught kindergarten until the Phalanx failed in 1847. The family then moved numerous times within Ohio and Illinois and finally settled in New York after the Civil War.
While in New York, Nathan, the agricultural editor for Horace Greeley’s *New York Tribune* developed the idea for a western, agricultural based, colony. Greeley encouraged the endeavor but Arvilla did not want to leave the suburban comforts of New York for another dangerous living situation nor did she want to pull Josephine and Mary out of their school. However, she eventually agreed and left New York around 1870 for the unknown territory out West. The Colony ended up surviving and thriving and to show the people that he was there to stay, Meeker built a gorgeous house for his family that also drained him financially.

In 1878, Meeker decided to take a job at the White River Indian Agency to help replenish his funds and repay debts. Arvilla and Josephine went with Meeker over the Rockies to help the Agency. While there, she was the postmistress and helped care for the Indians of the area. Things were difficult with the Indians and tensions finally broke on September 29, 1879. The Indians attacked the Agency, killed all of the male employees, including Meeker, burned the buildings, and took Arvilla, Josephine, a woman by the name of Mrs. Price and her two children captive. Before being taken captive, the women tried to escape by running through a field and as a result Arvilla was shot in the thigh and they were caught. For 23 days they were forced to travel with the group of Indians until their release, made possible by a chief named Ouray.

Upon returning to Greeley Arvilla lived in the Meeker home with her daughter Rozene. During this time Arvilla became an active member of the Methodist Church. The two women lived in the Meeker home together until Arvilla, at the age of 90, went to New York to live with her son Ralph. Not long after arriving in New York, she died in 1905. Her body was sent back to Greeley to be buried in the family plot at Linn Grove Cemetery.

**Biographical Note of Josephine Meeker**

Josephine Meeker was born on January 28, 1857 in Hiram Ohio to Nathan Meeker and Arvilla Smith Meeker. She was the youngest daughter and youngest of five children.

In 1872 at the age of 15, Josephine moved with her family to the new Union Colony in the Colorado Territory, which her father was creating. In 1877 she entered the Denver Business College and was an excellent student.

When her father became Agent at the White River Indian Agency, he asked Josephine to join him and help keep the Agency’s books. She agreed and in July 1878 she joined her mother and father in going even further west into Indian Territory west of the Continental Divide. While at the Agency she kept the books and taught those Indians willing to learn, to read and write. On September 29, 1879, the day of the Meeker Massacre, she was taken captive with her mother Arvilla, and Mrs. Price and her two children, and held for 23 days.

Upon their release, Josephine returned to Greeley but did not stay long. Rather she went to Washington D.C. and worked as a clerk for the Interior Department, specifically as a private secretary to Colorado Senator Henry Teller. In 1882 she fell ill, and died, in Washington on December 20, 1882, at the age of 25. Her body was returned to Greeley for burial in the family plot at Linn Grove Cemetery.

**Biographical Note of Rozene Emily Meeker**
Rozene Emily Meeker was born on July 5, 1849 in Ohio to Nathan Meeker and Arvilla Smith Meeker. She was the eldest daughter and the third of five children.

Rozene came to Greeley with her family when she was a young girl in the early 1870s. While her father, mother, and sister, Josephine, were at the White River Indian Agency, Rozene was in Greeley, where she got news of the massacre that took her father’s life. After the return of her mother, sister, Mrs. Price and the two children, Rozene wrote a second-hand account of what happened to them during their captivity. Her point of view was very biased and very anti-Indian. Along with the written account, Rozene traveled to various cities giving lectures on Indians and what happened to her family.

On August 19, 1886, Rozene married Edward R. Skewes. The couple lived together in Greeley for eight years. However, Edward’s business took him away from Colorado and the West and he wanted his wife to follow. He even said Arvilla, who was ill and being taken care of by Rozene, could come with them as well. As Rozene rarely left her mother, other than occasionally lecturing in the East, she still refused to leave. The couple ended up getting divorced and Rozene never married again.

While in Greeley, Rozene made an income as a dressmaker. In 1931, at the age of 82, she went on her first, and last, plane ride seeing Greeley, where she had lived most of her life, from the air. On October 22, 1935 Rozene Meeker died in the Greeley Hospital at the age of 86. She is buried with her family in the family plot at Linn Grove Cemetery.

**Brief History of the Meeker Massacre (September 29, 1879)**

The Meeker Massacre and the Battle of Milk Creek occurred on September 29, 1879 at the White River Indian Agency, located on the White River in western Colorado; both episodes violent clashes between Ute natives and representatives of the United States government. Once controlling much of Colorado, the Utes had been pushed west by increasing demands for access to their lands for farming and mineral resources. Treaties with the US government guaranteed the Indians provisions and supplies for lands they ceded. However; a series of problems between the Indian and white cultures, stemming from treaty language and delay of annuities and provisions, led directly to the massacre and battle. Nathan Cook Meeker, superintendent of the agency at the time of his death, had held his position for approximately a year and a half, and did so, in part, from financial need. As the 1869 founder of Union Colony (Greeley) on the eastern plains, Meeker accumulated substantial debt and sought the superintendent appointment to repay his creditors.

When Meeker arrived at the White River Agency to assume command, tension between the Utes and the Agency was high due to the delayed payments. To make matters worse, Meeker sought to Christianize the Utes and also to turn the semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers into farmers. The attempted changes caused conflict at the Agency. One of the most contentious issues revolved around grounds the Utes used for a pony racing track and grazing. Horses were an especially important part of the Ute culture and the young men delighted in racing their ponies, and in gambling on the outcome. Meeker saw the grounds as fertile agricultural land. In September
1879, while the native men were away on a hunting expedition, Meeker ordered the race track plowed up. Chief Johnson (Canavish) objected and in a subsequent scuffle pushed Meeker, leaving him badly bruised and indignant. Meeker subsequently called for military assistance.

Major Thornburgh of the 5th Cavalry set out from Fort Steele, for the White River Agency. When word of their approach reached the Utes, two chiefs, Nicaagat (Douglas) and Colorow, rode out to meet Thornburgh and request that he halt. Meeker having changed his mind about military intervention sent a note supporting the chiefs’ request. Thornburgh agreed, but then crossed onto reservation lands to water his horses. The Utes grew alarmed, and prepared to fight. They considered any attempt by U.S. forces to enter the reservation grounds an unauthorized invasion of their lands. Sending their women, children and old men south towards the Blue River, warriors under command of Captain Jack rode out. Major Thornburgh and his troops were ambushed by Nicaagat’s band at Milk Creek, resulting in 13 of Thornburgh’s men killed and the rest besieged until relieved by General Merritt. Upon hearing of the ambush, Chief Quinket’s band raided the Agency, killing Meeker and 11 of his men. Meeker’s body was found by his wife, Arvilla Meeker, laid out on the ground as if for burial, stripped of all clothing, except a shirt, and with a bullet wound through the forehead. Utes captured the Agency women and children as hostages and left the grounds. The hostages were Arvilla Meeker (wife), Josephine Meeker (daughter), Flora Ellen Price (Housekeeper and wife of Agency Blacksmith), and Johnnie and May Price (children of Mr. and Mrs. Price). The captives were taken on a circuit to multiple Indian camps, held as captives for 23 days. Following the battle at Milk Creek, Army courier Joe Rankin volunteered to ride through the siege lines in the night making a 29 hour ride to Rawlins with news of the battle. Troops were raised immediately for a relieve effort. Chief Ouray of the Southern Mountain Utes hearing of the massacre and the battle sent word for the Indians to lift their siege and release the captives.

After Chief Ouray’s order, the Ute captors arranged to release the women and children on October 21, 1879. The wife of Chief Johnson and sister of Chief Ouray, Shosheen, or Shawsheen, known to whites as Ute Susan, befriended the women during their ordeal, and was instrumental in negotiating their safe release. Three bands of Utes were held responsible; consequently, their treaty rights and title to their Colorado lands were revoked. The U.S. Government closed the White River Agency and assigned the White River inhabitants to the Uintah Reservation in Eastern Utah. Congress then opened 1,000,000 acres of their ancestral land for Anglo settlement in June, 1882.

Brief History of the Union Colony

Greeley, Colorado, was conceived as a utopian agricultural colony by Nathan Cook Meeker. Meeker’s idea for establishing a town in the West was inspired by a trip to Colorado Territory in October 1869. Returning to New York City, he wrote an article, "A Western Colony," which was enthusiastically endorsed by the New York Tribune's editor, Horace Greeley, and printed in several December issues of the paper. The response to Meeker's "call" for colonists far exceeded his expectations; more than 3,000 inquiries were received from people looking for an opportunity to establish a new home in a new land.

In December, a joint-stock colonization company, called the Union Colony, was organized, and
$155.00 collected from each member was held in an account by treasurer, Horace Greeley, for the purchase of land in the West. More than 700 people joined the colony as investors, participants, or both. Colonists embraced Meeker's beliefs in temperance, religion, education, cooperation, agriculture, irrigation, and family values as being essential to the town's character and success.

**Scope and Content**

This collection consists primarily of correspondence, essays and clippings. Much of the correspondence in this collection illustrates interest in the Union Colony of Colorado and preparations for the endeavor of establishing the Union Colony. Further primary correspondence illustrates the relationship between Arvilla and Nathan Meeker. Essays of note in the collection are those written by Nathan Meeker, including "Lecture on Association”, “The Passions”, “The Reasons”, and "A Despised Cause". Newspaper clippings in the collection primarily document stories surrounding the Meeker Massacre directly after the event and for years afterward. Other documents in the collection include abstracts, articles, dispatches, handbills, legal documents, memorandum, notes, photographic prints, and receipts.

**System of arrangement**  
No original order. Imposed order given according to object type, then subject, and then date.

**Conditions governing access**  
There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

**Conditions governing reproduction and use**  
There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

**Languages and scripts of the materials**  
English

**Custodial history**  
Materials in this collection were created primarily by members of the Meeker family and personal relations of the Meeker family. The materials were assembled by the staff of the Greeley History Museum archives.

**Immediate source of acquisition**  
Materials in this collection were Found In Collection. They have been assembled by the staff of the Greeley History Museum archives.

**Related archival materials**  
Museum Scrapbook #1  
Union Colony Collection, MSC-UC
Meeker family files

Notes  Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum’s Permanent Collection #AI-4154.

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        Meeker, Mary
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        Meeker, Rufus Clinton
        Smart, Maria
        Hulbert, Seth
        Thompson, Fanny Hulbert

Places:  Greeley (Colo.)
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Subjects:  Union Colony of Colorado
           Meeker Massacre, Colo., 1879

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Subseries B: Arvilla Meeker
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**Subseries C: Ralph Meeker**
Consists primarily of correspondence to Ralph’s father, Nathan Meeker. Also contained are several pieces of correspondence from John Russell Young to Ralph and to Maud Meeker from Ralph.

**Subseries D: Josephine Meeker**
Consists of various pieces of correspondence to and from Josephine Meeker. Included are pieces of correspondence to Josephine’s mother, Arvilla Meeker, to her brother, Ralph Meeker, and from her father, Nathan Meeker.

**Subseries E: Rozene Meeker**
Consists of two pieces of correspondence to and from Rozene and a wedding invitation for her marriage to Edward W. Skewes.

**Subseries F: Lemuel Cleveland Meeker**
Consists primarily of correspondence to George Meeker.

**Subseries G: Mary Meeker**
Consists of one piece of correspondence from J.J. Critshlan.

**Subseries H: Rufus Clinton Meeker**
Consists of correspondence from Rufus to Maud and Eliza Meeker.

**Subseries I: Louise H. Meeker**
Consists of correspondence to Louise and from Louise to members of the Union Colony, including J. Max Clark, and Delphus H. Carpenter.

**Subseries J: Maria Smart**
Consists of one piece of correspondence to Mrs. Paul Huhes.

**Subseries K: Seth Hulbert**
Consists of three pieces of correspondence, including from Rachel Taylor, to Seth’s grandparents and to Deacon Merriman [Merrimond?].

**Subseries L: Fanny Hulbert Thompson**
Consists primarily of correspondence to Elizabeth Cook.

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**Subseries N: H. Hulbert**
Consists of one piece of correspondence to “Aunt”.
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Subseries Q: Fanny Cowles
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Subseries R: Betsey Hulbert Cowles
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Subseries S: E. T. Horne
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Consists of one piece of correspondence to Elizabeth Cook.

Subseries U: James Gordon Bennett
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Subseries V: Winifred Hales
Consists of one piece of correspondence to “Miss Meeker”.

Subseries W: Asa B. Copeland
Consists primarily of correspondence from William Flewellyn Saunders. Also contains a piece of correspondence from F. S. Byers.

Subseries X: Unknown
Consists of correspondence to “Miss Meeker” from unknown person, from “Sister Fowler” to “Sister” and an unknown piece of correspondence.

Series II: Essays and articles
Subseries A: Essays and articles written by Nathan Meeker
Consists of several essays, including "Lecture on Association”, “The Passions”, “The Reasons”, and "A Despised Cause”.

Subseries B: Essays written by Henry T. West
Consists of one essay titled “Old Time Reminiscences”.

Subseries C: Essays written by Asa B. Copeland
Consists of three essays; two regarding the Meeker Massacre and one on General Charles Adams.

Subseries D: Essays written by Marshall Sprague
Consists of one essay titled "The Bloody End of Meeker's Utopia".
Subseries E: Essays and articles, unknown author
Consists of five items regarding Josephine Meeker and the White River Indian Agency.

Series III: Legal Documents
Consists of nine various legal documents including a photocopy of Certificate of Colonization of the Union Colony of Colorado, and a photocopy of the Horace Greeley to Union Colony deed.

Series IV: Other Documents

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Consists of four various notes, including an index of articles written by Ralph Meeker.

Subseries B: Dispatches
Consists of two Associated Press Dispatches of Ralph Meeker in 1875.

Subseries C: Subscribers to the Greeley Tribune
Consists one notebook titled “Subscribers to the Greeley Tribune in the Town of Greeley”.

Subseries D: Abstracts
Consists of one abstract of “Dunn's History of Massacres of the Mountains.

Subseries E: Receipts
Consists of two receipts; one to Nathan Meeker and one to Ralph Meeker.

Subseries F: Handbills
Consists of one handbill for a lecture given by Rozene Meeker.

Series V: Publications

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Consists of various newspaper articles written about the Meeker Massacre immediately following the event and for many years afterward.

Subseries B: Meeker Family
Consists of articles pertaining to and about members of the Meeker family.

Subseries C: Union Colony
Consists of articles written about the Union Colony of Colorado.

Subseries D: Other subject matter
Consists of various articles, including some written by Ralph Meeker, and some on Indian relations.

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Consists of two photographic prints of the newspaper clipping titled "A Western Colony".

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3 2 “Colony Life”, 1 Nov 1870 (4 pgs) (AI-3700A-D)
3 3 "Government Timber", 14 Sep 1877 (9 pgs) (AI-3676A-I)
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3 4 "Law For You But Not For You”, n.d. (1 pg) (AI-3675)
3 4 "A Despised Cause”, n.d. (19 pgs) (AI-3673A-S)

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3 5 “Old Time Reminiscences”, 26 Oct 1909 (4 pgs) (AI-3697A-D)

Subseries C: Essays written by Asa B. Copeland
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3 6 “Special Notes on the Meeker Massacre”, 7 May 1935 (2 pgs) (AI-3820A-B)
3 6 “General Charles Adams”, 15 Nov 1935 (1 pg) (AI-3818)
3 7 “Special Notes on the Meeker Massacre”, n.d. (2 pgs) (AI-3821A-B)

Subseries D: Essays written by Marshall Sprague
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3 8 "The Bloody End of Meeker's Utopia", n.d. (9 pgs) (AI-3835A-I)

Subseries E: Essays and articles, unknown author
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3 9 “Josephine Meeker Wants Tea”, n.d. (6 pgs) (AI-3705A-F)
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5  Photocopy of Horace Greeley to Union Colony deed, 1870 May (3 pgs) (1686.0001.2A-C)
3 10  Bond of Indemnity, 11 Mar 1876 (4 pgs) (AI-3824)
3 10  Abstract of Judgment between Nathan C. Meeker, Charles Stors and Richard H. Manning, 9 Dec 1876 (1 pg) (AI-3677)
3 11  Bill S.1163 by the 47th Congress, 10 Feb 1882 (1 pg) (AI-3825)
3 11  Bill S.945 by the 47th Congress, 27 Apr 1882 (1 pg) (AI-3833)
3 12  Marriage certificate for Ralph Meeker and Maria del Carmen Dolores Circovich, 15 Oct 1885 (1 pg with envelope) (AI-3914.1-2)
3 12  Marriage certificate for Ralph Meeker and Maria del Carmen Dolores Circovich, 15 Oct 1885 (1 pg) (AI-3999)
3 13  Bill S851 by the 48th Congress, n.d. (1 pg) (AI-3823)

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3 15  Index of Articles by Ralph Meeker, n.d. (1 pg) (AI-3928A-C)
3 15  Memorandum regarding Mr. Y and Mr. W, n.d. (2 pgs) (AI-3989A-B)

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3 17  Notebook "Subscribers to the Greeley Tribune in the Town of Greeley", 1870 (6 pgs) (AI-3903)

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3 18  From “Dunn's History of Massacres of the Mountains”, n.d. (1 pg) (AI-3707)

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